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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MISSION STATEMENT – The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

MESSAGE FROM SHIRLEY - Shirley Minge, President

I've often heard and do believe that there is an "inner-child" in each of us. We will get to reveal that part of our personalities as we explore the Wonderlab Museum on March 29th. Note the earlier 3:00 starting time in order to accommodate our leaving the premises by 5:00 p.m. At our business meeting Evelyn Crowe, chair of the Professional Affairs Committee, will announce the recipient for our Grant-in-Aid Scholarship. And preparing for our 2016-2018 biennium, we will vote to accept our new slate of officers. A great slate it is:

President: Kathy Hollinger

Vice President: Kathleen Boggess

Secretary: Christine Freeman

- Treasurer: Sandy Courtney, selected by Executive Board
- Parliamentarian: Carole Fisher, appointed by the President

So come and play and learn with us as we experience the joys of looking at the world through the eyes of a child.

NEW EDUCATIONAL TOOLS AVAILABLE FOR EVERY MEMBER USE

With the launch of the new DKG website in January, members must sign in to access member resources, register for events, and order from the Society Store.

- Use the six-digit Member-ID as the username (first six digits of publication labels or the number on the member ID card). Chapter president and treasurer also have this information.
- Use the default password, `dkg2014society`, for the first log in. (The password may be changed after log in, if preferred).

At the website under RESOURCES select Recruitment Plan and read the description of

the steps we can use to help us recruit new members. Just sign in and look around. There's much to see and learn.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – February 4, 2016 – Gail Seegert for Dianna Johnson

On Thursday, February 4, 2016, the DKG Alpha Chapter met at St. Thomas Lutheran Church to celebrate the 78^h birthday of Alpha Chapter. Prior to the business meeting and program, there was a time for fellowship while members enjoyed the birthday cake and snacks. President Shirley Mingee called the meeting to order, thanked the Social Committee (Vivian Lewis, Carole Fisher, and Loretta Neidigh) for the refreshments, and, as an opening thought, read a quote by Martin Luther King, Jr. There was a motion by Helen Sturbaum to accept the minutes from the October meeting as posted in the last Alpha Bits. Carol Darling seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted.

Correspondence: President Mingee shared a note from Jo Ann Manes, Alpha Epsilon State President, thanking us for the initiation luncheon, and also a Christmas card Jo sent to our chapter. Shirley also shared a letter of recommendation by Jane McIntosh that Dawn Berkenstock be considered for a Grant-in-Aid Scholarship.

Treasurer's Report: Kathleen Boggess emailed from Florida that the treasury has a positive balance.

Committee Reports

- Professional Affairs – Evelyn Crowe announced that all Grant-in-Aid requests/applications must be in by March 1, 2016. Jane McIntosh has recommended Dawn Berkenstock, daughter of Mary Ann Patterson, as a candidate to receive the \$500 Grant-in-Aid scholarship.
- Technology – Edwynna Nolan has agreed to become the Chapter's Webmaster to create a web page. Jeana Kerr and Jo Weddle will assist.
- Historian – Frances Walden announced that she, Loretta Neidigh, and Shirley Mingee will be sorting materials in boxes housed in one of her closets. Discussion will continue as to how to store meeting minutes and Alpha Bits.
- Courtesy/cheer – Carol Darling has sent cards to Sue Bales's husband, Bud; Norma Roger's husband, Oliver; and to Darlene Harbuck for her sister's passing.
- Nomination Committee – Gayla Klingelhoffer announced that the committee met in December and, after solicitation phone calls, a new slate of officers will be presented in March.
- Legislation- Alpha Epsilon State Day, Indianapolis, Feb. 23rd. Registration deadline is Feb. 19th.

Unfinished Business

Alpha is still hoping to develop a Web Page. Discussion is to follow at the March meeting.

New Business

- History Committee – tabled until after sorting takes place. A question was raised about whether the scrapbooks/pictures should be disbanded because of space concerns.
- New Recruitment and Membership Plan – President Shirley Mingee outlined a new Recruitment/Membership Plan that is **suggested** for use by our International President, Lyn Schmidt, to increase membership.
 - 1) Prospect card – filled out by person recommending new initiate. Cards are collected and a vote is taken on prospects.

- 2) Prospect Letter – informs prospective member that they have been recommended for membership, are invited to an orientation meeting, and asked to RSVP.
- 3) For those who respond positively, invite equal number of current members to serve as “Buddies” at the orientation.
- 4) At the orientation, the Pride in the big Picture slideshow (available for download at dkg.org) may be shown and questions answered. Meeting lasts one hour and at conclusion prospective members are asked to accept or decline the invitation to membership.
- 5) Current “Buddy” completes Recommendation For Membership or Form 11.
- 6) Invite prospective members to the initiation ceremony with the Initiation Letter.

Announcements:

The March Social Committee: Evelyn Crowe, Marion Keutzer, Vivian Lewis, and Kathy Hollinger.

CASA – Diana Lambdin explained this program which advocates for children.

There will be a training the weekend of February 19th for anyone interested.

Upcoming Dates

- Next meeting: Tuesday, March 29th. Wonderlab, **3:00-3:45** refreshments; 3:45-4:30, meeting and program. What to bring? Items for Middle Way House – diapers of all sizes, wipes, and any personal items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.
- Alpha Epsilon State Conference – April 23, 2016 in Terre Haute. Loretta Neidigh and Shirley Mingee are attending and several other members expressed interest. There is a registration fee of \$35.00 before March 25, 2016, and \$40.00 until April 11, the deadline for registration.
- South CCOT (Committee Chair and Officer Training) – June 23, 2016, Bloomington
- 2016 DKG International Convention – July 5-9, Nashville, TN

Meeting Adjournment

After a closing thought by Winston Churchill, a motion was made by Frances Walden and seconded by Debra Shields to adjourn the meeting.

Program

Kathy Hollinger introduced Erin Brooker-Miller, program coordinator for the USA International Harp Outreach Program. Members were treated to a concert artist showcase by harpist Peggy Huang who played several styles of music, explained the workings of the harp, and answered questions. It was a lovely program enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

MARCH 2016 PROGRAM INFORMATION – Wonderlab- Tuesday, March 29, 2016 - Kathy Hollinger

Place: Wonderlab Science Museum- 308 W. 4th St.

Time: 3:00-3:15 Refreshments, 3:15-3:45 Business Meeting, 3:45-4:30 Program, 4:30-5:00 Exploring Wonderlab

Program: A program about Wonderlab given by a Wonderlab staff member and a chance to explore afterwards.

Purpose #3: To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.

Projects: Middleway House - Disposable diapers, wipes, full size shampoo, liquid bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, and brushes.

March Social Committee: Evelyn Crowe, Marion Keutzer, Vivian Lewis, and Kathy Hollinger

Parking: Members may park along the street that has metered parking or at the 4th street garage.

HISTORY COMMITTEE – Frances Walden, Loretta Neidigh and Shirley Mingee met to compile an inventory of materials in our archives and to evaluate their worth for posterity. Loretta will have a survey at the March meeting for members to complete seeking their opinions as to the need for a History Committee, what to do with our scrapbooks, and how to record our past and future history.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE AT THE STATE LEVEL

- Scholarships at \$1,000 each for members who are going back to school to renew their licenses.
- Four mini-grants up to \$500 each to attend workshops, seminars, and supplies for school projects.
- Travel Study Grants are for personal growth of members who are age 55+, up to \$350 each.

RED BOOK MEMBER CHANGES/UPDATES – Edwynna Nolan

Remember to notify Edwynna if you have any changes of name, address, phone number or email address.

COURTESY AND CHEER – Carol Darling

A get-well card was sent to Mary Samuelsen following taking a fall while at the Y. Mary is coming along well and is out and about. Margaret Brewer celebrated her 90th birthday on March 1 and a congratulatory card was sent. Her family held a special birthday service at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 6.

SOUTH CCOT (Committee Chair and Officer Training) 2016-2018 – Loretta Neidigh, South CCOT Sight Chair

Lois Vogel, Past State President, requested that on Thursday, June 23, 2016, CCOT be held Bloomington, again! Plans have come together and registration will soon appear in the "Hoosier Newsette". The fee is \$30 per person.

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church at Rogers Road is the location and KRC Catering will do the Continental breakfast and light lunch. Our state officers are the presenters. We hope 60 from south Indiana will attend.

We had fantastic Alpha helpers two years ago: Kathleen Boggess, Joanne

Weddle, Carole Fisher, Janet Nowling, Dianna Johnson, Mary Samuelsen, Kathy Hollinger, Loretta Neidigh, Sandy Courtney, and Shirley Mingee.

I am looking for help again! We need registration clerks and greeters. I need eight table centerpieces, hopefully a vase of flowers from your garden or potted plants that you could loan for the day. I will get red and white plastic tablecloths for the circle tables for eight.

Jo Ann Manes, Lois Vogel, and State Treasurer Leslie Hamman have been wonderful to work with. Please let me know if you would like to help with this event. And thank you.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- March 23 Deadline for \$35 Registration (Meals) for 2016 State Conference in Terre Haute - \$40 from 3/24 to 4/11. *Registration form in Dec. *Hoosier Newsette*
- April 11 Final Deadline for 2016 State Conference Registration
- April 23 DKG State Conference, Sycamore Banquet Center, Terre Haute, IN
- June 4 Picnic/Pitch-In, Noon – 2:00, Meadowood Retirement Community. Installation of Officers. Project – Tired Books.
- June 23 CCOT - Chapter Committee and Officers Training South – Sherwood Oaks Church Christian Church, Bloomington, IN
- July 5-9 2016 DKG International Convention, Nashville, TN. Register by June 5 (Jan/Feb *DKG News*, p. 9)

OF INTEREST – The Art of Maurice Sendak is currently on exhibit at the Monroe County Public Library through March 26. This is a “must see” featuring 50 original works by Sendak in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the children’s classic *Where the Wild Things Are*. The exhibit is open Mondays-Thursdays: 3-8 pm, Fridays: 3-6 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays: noon-6 pm.

ALPHA BITS FUTURE ISSUES – If you have any news that you wish included in this newsletter, send it to Joanne Weddle at jweddle2@comcast.net.